

CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLYCOUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORTTOPIC Soviet Troops in EberswaldeEVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 31 January 1952REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - one sketch on dittoREMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 28 December 1951, the Artillery Kaserne on Freienwalderstrasse, Eberswalde (N 50/V 08), was occupied by about 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia and some with artillery insignia. All quarters were lighted in the evening. Armored vehicles seen at the installation were: [REDACTED] departing on 12 December; 2 tanks, including 1 JS-3, entering after being unloaded at the freight station on 15 December; and JS-1 tank [REDACTED] entering on 28 December. On 28 December, four units totaling 2 officers and 50 RM, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with carbines, were seen marching out of the installation to the nearby drill field. The soldiers obviously were recruits. Five officers instructed 61 recruits, with red-bordered black epaulets, in the wooded area east of the barracks installation. [REDACTED]

2. On 27 December, the eastern section of the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauer Heerstrasse was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore either red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank and signal insignia, or black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Rocket launchers [REDACTED] and T-34 [REDACTED] were seen moving out of the billeting area on 20 December; and 1 T-34 tank and 3 model M-13 rocket launchers, on 27 December. Two more rocket launchers were parked at the drill field. About 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with carbines and long swords marched out of the installation toward the training field. They were followed by 1 officer and 8 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and were equipped with cable reels and field telephones. About 75 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying carbines and practice targets marched to the Leuenberg Meadows. About 130 troops, obviously recruits, received basic infantry training in the barracks yard. [REDACTED]

3. On 27 December [REDACTED] the western section of the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauer Heerstrasse housed a high-echelon headquarters, as there were numerous officers, including generals; some were wearing tank and signal insignia. Uniformed women wearing black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets [REDACTED]

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with tank insignia were also observed. Generals and other officers were seen leaving installation between 2 and 2:30 p.m. to go to their residences on Ebersbergerstrasse and Hemelstrasse. Vehicles observed at the western section of the barracks installation [redacted] 50X1-HUM

4. On 5 January 1952, 4 trucks, towing 4 x 85-mm AA guns and including 2 trucks [redacted] moved out of Camp Britz, while 4 more trucks, towing 4 x 85-mm AA guns and including 2 trucks [redacted] entered the [redacted] (3)

5. On 11 December, four 85-mm AA guns were emplaced near the Westend School, Eberswalde. Thirty-five soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in drill there. (1)

6. On 5 December, the hutment on Breitscheidstrasse quartered about 70 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, with the sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] No heavy weapons were noticed. Thirteen trucks were in the parking lot. Sedan [redacted] was seen entering the hutment. (4) 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

7. On 20 December, no training or vehicular traffic was noticed at the quarters on Kupferhammerweg. A sentry with black-bordered red epaulets stood at the entrance and truck [redacted] in the yard. 50X1-HUM

8. On 12 December, four 37-mm AA guns were emplaced at the Westend School, Eberswalde. [redacted] the AA guns previously emplaced in the Jagen (forest sections) [redacted] had been removed, and that the wooden crew shelters there had been disassembled and hauled away. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

9. On 6 December, the hutment on Breitscheidstrasse was occupied by about 250 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] All quarters were lighted in the evening. [redacted] Twenty trucks were parked in the billeting area. (4) 50X1-HUM

10. On 4 December, the artillery Kaserne on Freienwalderstrasse was occupied to capacity by tank and artillery units. T-34 tanks [redacted] were seen moving out of the installation toward the Eberswalde freight station. 50X1-HUM

11. On 1 December, about 60 troops, organized into 5 units of 50 to 60 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets and 5 units of about 60 men, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen marching out of the Schmetzen Kaserne.

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12. Military personnel at the restricted area on Konelstrasse and Ubers-
bergerstrasse on 5 December included a one-star general who rode in
sedan [] numerous field-grade officers wearing tank and artillery
insignia, and uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets with
tank insignia. 50X1-HUM
13. On 28 December, the hutment at Duesterwinkel-Brucke appeared to be
occupied to capacity by a unit of soldiers who wore black-bordered black
epaulets. Three officers and 14 EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets,
including some with a silver anchor, and truck [] were observed. 50X1-HUM
Troops with red-bordered black epaulets were last seen at the quarters on
11 December. [] 50X1-HUM
14. On 3 January 1952, the eastern section of the Schuetzen Kaserne on Fernauer
Korstrasse was occupied by about 3,500 troops wearing red-bordered black
epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia, and black-
bordered black epaulets. No particular training activity was noticed.
[] (1) 50X1-HUM
15. At the end of November, [] the northern section of Camp
Britz consisted of about 12 small and 8 large wooden buildings. []
[] Fifteen soldiers wearing
red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia,
received physical training on the obstacle course. Fifty trucks were parked
in the northeastern section of the camp, with 20 of them mounting an AA
machine gun on the rear third of the vehicles. A radio station of two
wooden masts, about 20 meters high, and an antenna, about 60 meters long,
was also observed in that section. Sedan [] and truck [] were 50X1-HUM
identified. The truck was occupied by six soldiers wearing red-bordered
black epaulets with artillery insignia and carried eight ammunition boxes,
measuring 110 x 40 x 15 cm [] 50X1-HUM
Captain Palikov (Zhu) was mentioned in connection with
the camp. On 17 December, [] Camp Britz consisted of 50X1-HUM
large wooden buildings, each 25 meters long, 8 meters wide and with 10
windows; and small wooden buildings, each 12 meters long, 8 meters wide and
with four windows. The camp had a billeting capacity of 1,200 to 1,500
troops. Twelve heavy AA guns stood in a shed and 50 trucks, including about
20 mounting an AA machine gun, were in a parking lot. On 9 January 1952,
10 x 37-mm AA guns were noticed in a shed. About 120 troops wearing red-
bordered black epaulets practiced aiming with 8 x 37-mm AA guns and 6 x
machine guns on tripods and received theoretical instruction with 6 x 37-mm
AA guns. Sedans [] and truck [] towing a 85-mm 50X1-HUM
AA gun were identified in the billeting area. (3)
16. On 7 December, about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets,
including some with artillery insignia, were quartered in the former Mittel-
deutsche Elektrizitaetswerk (MEW) near the Kleinstaedter Railroad Station.
About 50 percent of the troops were recruits. Fifty soldiers received
instruction and 90 unarmed soldiers were drilling. []
[] About 30 officers with
artillery insignia assembled for a briefing. []
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17. On 8 December, a lieutenant general, accompanied by a colonel and a lieutenant,
drove through Eberswalde []

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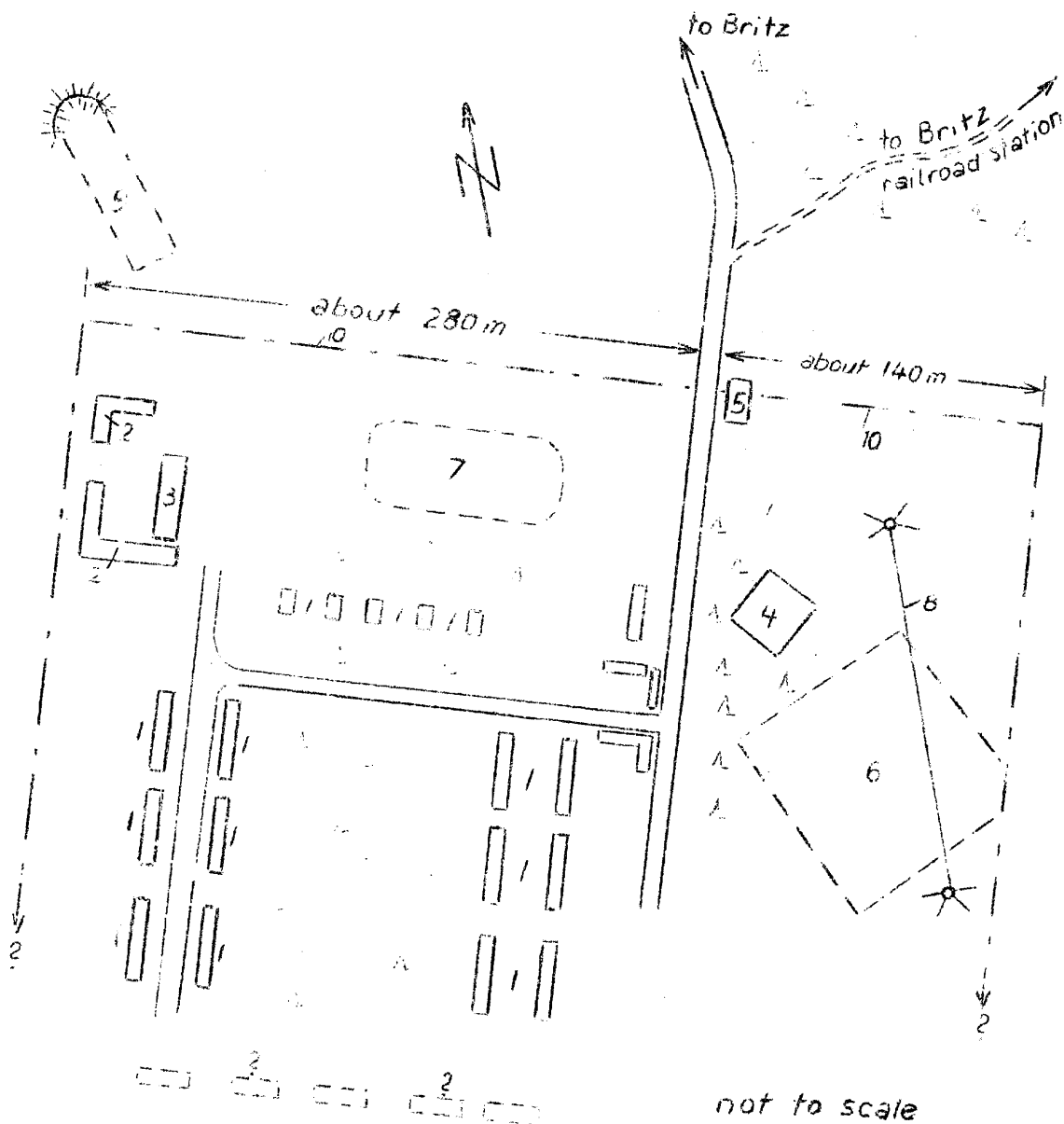
Comments.

- (1) The report confirms information of late October and early November 1951 [redacted] Only light AA guns were previously reported to have been emplaced at the Pestend School. [redacted] the headquarters of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The information [redacted] fairly definitely indicate that the headquarters of the AAA division and headquarters units are quartered on the premises of the former MEW Plant. 50X1-HUM
- (2) [redacted] the 312th Gds M. Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde. [redacted] is an unidentified unit in Oktem ~~iryan~~, Transcaucasus ID. [redacted] confirms the 51st (?) Mtrcl Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde until 18 November 1951. [redacted] the 118th Sig Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in Eberswalde [redacted] was confirmed there until 22 November. 50X1-HUM
- (3) For a sketch of Camp Britz [redacted] paragraphs 15 to 17, see Annex 1. The camp is occupied by components of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. [redacted]. The 24 light and 12 heavy AA guns, mentioned in paragraph 15 of the present report, indicate the possibility that a light and a heavy AA regiment of the division are quartered there, which would correspond to the estimated billeting capacity of the camp. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (4) The strength estimate made [redacted] are again conflicting and permit no conclusion regarding the strength of the unit in the hutment on Breitscheidstrasse. According to information available [redacted] in the present report, a signal unit of the GOFB of of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army is believed to be quartered there. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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Annex 1

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Camp Britz



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